STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; in 1952, the United States Congress approved a Joint Resolution setting aside a day each year for prayer across our nation; and

WHEREAS; National Day of Prayer is not restricted to any one religion, and a prayer can come in many forms, including thoughtful reflection or meditation in an effort to find solace, guidance, and grounding in times of great struggle; and

WHEREAS; today and every day, we make space for hope and reaffirm our commitment to our Wisconsin values of kindness, respect, empathy, and compassion, especially during times of divisiveness, fear, and uncertainty; and

WHEREAS; as Americans, we celebrate our Constitutional right to freedom of and from religion, while recognizing that much more must be done to end the religious discrimination that persists throughout our country; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsinites acknowledge the contributions of diverse religious communities to our state's vibrant cultural heritage and appreciate the important role of prayer in our collective pursuit of a brighter tomorrow; and

WHEREAS; our state welcomes and respects all folks who call Wisconsin their home, no matter who they are, where they are from, or how they pray; and

WHEREAS, this National Day of Prayer, the state of Wisconsin joins Wisconsinites of all faiths, ethnicities, and political affiliations in finding sanctuary and reflecting on the things that unite us in humanity and service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2020, as a

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 21st day of May 2020.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State